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THROUGH PRAYER MANY CONQUESTS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT, MANY VICTORIES WON

THE SHEPHERD'S DUTY

B. A. Ratchford

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Jno. 10:11. This statement sounds like there are some shepherds that are no good. Surely the time is at hand that the children of God need to look for good shepherds, real pastors. This statement of course had reference to Jesus but I am persuaded to believe that Jesus means for the shepherds to be good today. In Eze. 34 we find some shepherds that are not good. Woe to the shepherds that do feed themselves. Should not the shepherd feed the flock? Ye eat the fat and clothe ye with the wool, the diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither bound that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost. But with force and cruelty have ye ruled them. Now some might say that this statement only refers to Israel and their leaders and to their Phariseeal religion. Yes, and it can be applied to the religion of today or the day in which we are now living.

Notice the statement. Woe to the shepherds that feed themselves. Now there are some shepherds of this type in our land today. Just looking for plenty to eat, plenty to wear and a good car to ride in and the poor bunch of sheep they are supposed to feed in return return home with an empty soul, discouraged and downhearted. Maybe the pastor said something that wounded him instead of feeding his soul.

Some pastors seem to think that true sheep cannot be hurt or driven away by what they say or preach but let us notice Eze. 34:4 which says, "Neither have ye brought again that which was driven away." It's a sad picture to see so many of God's children driven away from services just because of abuse and harsh things being said to them by some pastor. Instead of going to service and enjoying the presence and glory of God they stay at home struggling alone trying to forget what has been said and done. Woe to this kind of a shepherd. The scripture also says, "But with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. Remember Jesus was the good Shepherd. We should follow in His footsteps."

Oh, I pray that God will help pastors to realize the need of leading the sheep instead of driving them. Don't be cruel to them, but when you see one that is crippled and about to give up go to it with love and encouraging words and try to bind up the wounded places. Don't get in the sacred pulpit and say harsh and cruel things but have enough of the Lord to go to them in the right way and help them instead of driving them farther away, and then say, Oh, they just can't stand sound doctrine. A shepherd of this kind scatters the sheep every time. Who would want to love and support a pastor like this! You have to be kind to sheep. It's sad to see a church (Please Look On Page Four)

JESUS IS KEEPING US

BASSETTS, Va.—Dear saints of God everywhere, this finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4. I belong to the Church of God at Mt. Airy, N. C. but here where I live there is no church building. There are three of us saints here who are trying to tell people about Jesus. We haven't gained much fruit here yet but Jesus is keeping us. My heart's desire is to go on with Jesus till He comes or calls for me. A few people here seem to be stirred about their souls but the work seems slow. I am made to wonder if I am just as faithful as I should be. Jesus said bring forth fruits. I feel like He is coming soon and I want to have sheaves to lay at His feet. I want to please God in all my life. Pray that God will strengthen me so I will be able to go on with Him and bring forth good fruit always. I have a husband and two children. Pray that the Lord will save my husband from sin and we will be able to bring our little children up in the right way. Pray for this work, that God will wonderfully bless here.—Your sister in Jesus, Salie Thompson.

God Is Still Blessing In New Mexico

I just feel like writing to let all know that God is still blessing here. One received the baptism Saturday night and another one Sunday night. One was in the altar in last night's service. In spite of the bad weather folks are coming out. The little church at Artesia, although young, is doing fine and the Hobbs church is moving along. Four came into the church last month. Brother M. E. Drake baptized four in water. The Portales work will move forward as soon as the weather will permit a revival there, so pray lots for us. Times are very hard here and no men folks hardly. Only two have a job but God can help us I am sure. He has promised to care for His own. We had the privilege of helping in seven revivals in the state this year. Do pray we can do much more next year. The Scripture says, "Pray one for another." We need more of that as it is so easy to talk about one another. God help the saints to love one another for God is love and whosoever loveth not His brother whom he hath seen how can he love God whom he has not seen? We have some members at Jal who are true blue saints and a good number at Carlsbad although they are mostly women. We are doing all we can. The Willing Workers here and at Jal are doing some wonderful work in paying the church notes, insurance, etc. We are proud of every one of them. We have the penny march for the orphans at Cleveland. Also the birthday offering which is in with the penny march. Saints you would be surprised how much the birthday plan helps in a year. If each church will practice the penny march and send to our orphans it will help out lots I am sure. Pray for God to open up work for the saints who are out of work as prayer is worth lots to us. Pray for our little boy who has an affliction in his head and he is suffering some with it. Pray for us that God will help us and hold us up in the midst of all opposition. We are striving to live a life that will please God. We are looking for Brother and Sister Watts to help us this year in New Mexico and Colorado.—Mrs. M. E. Drake, Carlsbad, N. Mex., Box 71.

A Good Revival Now On

A good revival is now in progress here. God is wonderfully blessing in every service. The power is falling, the saints are shouting and praising God and dancing under the power. The altar is filled nearly every night. Brother H. B. Helton, our district pastor, is doing the preaching. He is a wonderful man of God. All the church likes him for their pastor, praise the Lord. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing Sunday night and all took part. There have been about thirteen saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water and fourteen added to the church. The church has at least doubled its strength in every department. Well glory to God! We have the victory and have the devil on the go in Carson Springs and the end is not yet. Sunday night we could not seat the crowd. I have the Holy Ghost but my wife has not received the blessing. We are members of the Church of God and satisfied.—Milas Hale, Dandridge, Tenn., Rt. 7.

The Lord Blessed In a Great Way

TELLICO PLAINS, Tenn.—We are still striving to serve the Lord at Tellico Plains. We have just closed one of the best revivals here that Tellico Plains has ever known. Twenty-three got saved, twelve sanctified, nine got the Holy Ghost, eleven came into the church and seven were baptized in water. The Lord surely did bless in a great way. The devil tried his best to overthrow us but the saints held on to God and we went over the top by the help of the great Redeemer. Brother W. A. Walker and Brother Chastan surely did labor hard and the Lord heard their cries. There are many in this place who need this good blessing and we ask every one to remember them in your prayers. Pray that God will send another meeting like the one just closed.—A brother under the blood, Pearl Collins.

MUCH GRACE DOES NOT NECESSITATE PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OR MATURE CHARACTER

Sent in by G. C. Sapp, (Col.)

"Only remember much grace does not imply much light."

The heart may be as pure as heaven can make it, while the possessor remains ignorant of many fine traits of character. If the life of the just is as a shining light which shines more and more, it is evident much new light will be unfolded to the soul even after the day "dawns" and the star "rises" in the heart. New light will constantly be shone on the pathway of the just.

There is a field of experience in the outworking and maturing of the sanctified life that has been comparatively neglected by spiritual writers. In commenting on Rom. 5, one writer said, "No flower ever unfolded to the light of the sun more beautiful than these various words describe the unfolding of the successive forms of experience in the sanctified life. The saints of the Lord will be astonished to find a perfect photograph depicted in the order of these various words of the lights and shadows, the joys and sorrows, the conflicts and conquests and all the various problems in their hidden lives. Let us take time to examine each of these words separately and see how precisely they find an echo in our experience."

"Tribulation." The word signifies a flail or threshing instrument for beating the chaff from the pure ripened grain. Remember chaff is not a type of inbred sin for it is something that is essential to grain in its milk state and when growing. In a field of growing corn the scripture compares the heart to the ground, the growing grain to Christian life, and weeds and briars to carnal affections. But the chaff or husk that envelopes the grain represents those things in us which are essential in the infant stages of grace, but are found useless and can be threshed away when the believer has reached Christian perfection. When the soul is first sanctified it lives for a period in a sort of heavenly honeymoon which is distinctly set forth in the old Jewish law, providing that when a man married a wife he was to be exempt from all public and military

duties and hardships one year that he might live in undisturbed domestic joy. But after that he must expect to take up the toils and trials of warfare and as Paul says, "Endure hardness as a good soldier." The old Levitical law is the exact thought of this passage, that after the marvelous joys and abounding heavenly delights that come with the baptism of the Holy Ghost in due time the souls will be led by one way or another under the tribulation or flail that its chaff which is now no longer needed may be threshed away. After men grow the grain and the baptism of warm sunshine has ripened and hardened it (i. e. perfect grain) that it may be exported to distant markets. In like manner when the believer has been purified and solidified by the warm baptism of the Holy Ghost there are many religious or mental infirmities which need to be threshed out of him.

Please notice the following things as indicated or indicating what we may put down as chaff which many Christians have to get cured of after their sanctification. They are not in the nature of inbred sin but of human weakness or ignorance. Human theology.—There never was a sanctified Christian that did not have to cast off some old narrow theology for broader truth. Rash judgments.—Almost invariably souls young in sanctification form judgments of things and people too quickly. False zeal.—Every old saint on looking back can see how he used to let his pious zeal run ahead of his knowledge. Using slang.—How many hundreds of good sanctified people have the habit of using slang and punning on words and names that often are like dead flies in the ointment. Vacillation.—This is a weakness in will power and often lingers with good people after sanctification. Severity of manners.—Multitudes of souls who are sanctified have a harshness in their words and manners to the great detriment of their usefulness. Imprudence.—Many sanctified people lack sense and discretion and (Continued on page three)

THE ECLIPSE

David L. Lemons

In reading the sermon material used by Jesus we find that He often took for His object of consideration or comparison such things as a piece of money, lost sheep, vineyards, fig trees, etc., and surely there could be no objection to the subject chosen as an eclipse is caused by an obstruction between man and the light.

For a text read 2 Cor. 4:6. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." And, too, we remember the commandment in the first chapter of Genesis, "Let there be light." Ever since that time there has been light and it is not to be charged to God if man has not light, for the light IS. It does exist, but some men are in darkness because of an obstruction.

As we bring into consideration the world, the sun, and the moon, which are the points of interest in an eclipse, let us invite the nearness of the wisdom and presence of God who is the Creator of them all.

THE WORLD

The ancient astronomers who were so completely infatuated with their beliefs of egotism founded their beliefs on these fundamentals: (1) Immutability of the earth. (2) Central position of the earth. (3) Revolution of other planets and bodies around the earth. In later years this theory has been discarded. Now this belief is what is causing the downfall of many today. They believe that they and they only are solid, established and unmovable; that they are the center of attraction, and that if anything is done it would be out of order unless it suited them. But the sooner we individual-

ly discard these old ideas and instead of saying, How will this act of the church profit me? start saying, How will my actions profit the church? then we will come to the realization that the Sun of righteousness is the center of attraction. "When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him?" Psa. 8:3. The sun is the center of the solar system and the Sun of righteousness is the center of the system of salvation.

THE SUN

The earth then is not the center but is attracted by that which is the center, the great sun. Science declares that there are two forces in all of creation, a negative and a passive, and so it is. One force draws toward the sun while one tends to draw us away. One force, the great Holy Ghost, draws us to Christ, the Sun of righteousness, and another, the evil spirit, seeks to draw us away. Although scientific creation cannot exist without both forces, I will be overwhelmingly enveloped in a shroud of great joy when I shall awaken to the realization that the negative force has completely lost its grasp on this mortal and the Holy Ghost shall have drawn me even up to the Sun of righteousness where I shall put on immortality.

The sun is so great and so far away that our finite minds are unable to comprehend the figures of distance. God's creation is great but how much greater the Creator! One of our young preachers in referring to God said, He is so great we can't see Him. The sun is far away but we enjoy its warm rays here. God sometimes seems to be (Continued on page three)

God has Blessed in Young People's Work

HAMILTON, O.—I have been a reader of the Evangel for more than a year but have never before testified thru its columns. It would be impossible to try to tell in this testimony how much the Evangel means to our home. We are glad to see Friday come as that is the day the Evangel arrives. I have read so many good soul stirring messages and testimonies that I feel it my duty to write a few words of praise.

Being born into the home of a minister in 1908, I have been taught the Bible from the cradle up, although I did not give heed until December, 1926. I walked into a mission in Hamilton, Ohio where an elder minister was delivering a message from a small black book. I noticed the words of the minister very closely. They brought to my mind the times I had heard the same message from the best friend this earth can afford, Mother. Remembering the times when she had prayed and asked God if her prayers were in vain for her boy, my mind also went back to the times when I had sat in the little church at home and heard the same words from father's lips, THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSETH FROM ALL SIN. It was now to reject or accept as I felt that God was calling me probably for the last time. As soon as the minister had finished he offered to help anyone who wished to find the Christ. I went forward with much godly sorrow, repented, and soon found peace and joy that I am still feasting on, praise the Lord. It was the third night in January, 1927 when Acts 2:4 took place in my life. About a year later I attended the meetings of J. D. Wilson, a Church of God minister, and soon became a member of the great Church of God.

The past three years I have been working for God in the young people's meetings. God has wonderfully blessed us in this work but now we are feeling a greater calling. It is to the evangelistic work of our Lord in which we expect to be very soon. We are asking for the prayers of all who read this that God will have His way with us.—Chas Crank, Box 162.

The Devil Was Defeated

FORT MILL, S. C.—I thank God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He is precious to my soul. I thank God for the day in which He sent Brother Daniel to Fort Mill to preach the wonderful way of holiness. We had a wonderful four weeks' meeting that I will never forget.

So many dear ones were shown the light of our Savior Jesus Christ. Our little band is increasing and growing stronger in the way, bless the Lord. Brother Daniel came here and set a Church of God in order but had to leave us. We have a fine pastor now though. Brother George Cooper is on fire for God and we all love him. We had a wonderful meeting Saturday night. The saints shouted and praised the Lord. The enemy is here and last week he was working hard but praise the Lord we came out victorious. God is with us and is blessing us. I want you Christian people to pray for my husband that he may receive the Holy Ghost. He is seeking and is really hungry for it. Pray for me too.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. H. Perry.

New Church Set In Order In Texas

TELEPHONE, Tex.—I thank God this morning for a few who still love the Lord, bless His name. Brother Caulston closed a revival at Gassville. The Lord surely did bless. Fifteen were reclaimed, fourteen sanctified, fourteen received the Holy Ghost and Brother Bridges set a church in order Nov. 18 with ten members, all on fire for God. Eternity alone will tell the good that was done at this place. Pray for the little church at Gassville that it will grow in the work of the Lord. I thank God for salvation, a freedom from all sin and the Holy Ghost which abides just now. Bless His name. Pray for me that I will stay humble.—Your brother, J. R. Tapp.

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THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Selected and sent in by T. P. Douglas

Three things make a divine—prayer, meditation and temptation.—Luther. If you do not pray, God will probably lay you aside from your ministry as He did me, to teach you to pray. Remember Luther's maxim, "To have prayed well is to have studied well." Get your text from God, your thoughts, your words.—McCheyne.

Recreation to a minister must be as whetting is with the mower—that is, to be used only so far as necessary for his work. Will a physician in plague-time take any more relaxation or recreation than is necessary for his life, when so many are expecting his help in a case of life and death? Will you stand by and see sinners gasping under the pangs of death, and say: "God doth not require me to make myself a drudge to save them?" Is this the voice of ministerial or Christian compassion or rather of sensual laziness and diabolical cruelty.—Richard Baxter.

Misemployment of time is injurious to the mind. In illness I have looked back, with self-reproach on days spent in my study: I was wading through history and poetry and monthly journals, but I was in my study. Another man's trifling is notorious to all observers, but what am I doing? Nothing, perhaps, that has a reference to the spiritual good of my congregation. Be much in retirement and prayer. Study the honor and glory of your Master.—Richard Cecil.

Study universal holiness of life. Your whole usefulness depends on this, for your sermons last but an hour or two; your life preaches all the week. If Satan can only make a covetous minister a lover of praise, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined your ministry. Give yourself to prayer, and get your texts, your thoughts, your words from God. Luther spent his best three hours in prayer.—Robert Murray McCheyne.

The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.

But above all he excelled in prayer. The inwardness and weight of his spirit, the reverence and solemnity of his address and behavior, and the fewness and fulness of his words have often struck even strangers with admiration as they used to reach others with consolation. The most awful, living, reverend frame I ever felt or beheld, I must say, was his prayer. And truly it was a testimony. He knew and lived nearer to the Lord than other men, for they that know him most will see most reason to approach him with reverence and fear.—William Penn of George Fox.

During this affliction I was brought to examine my life in relation to eternity closer than I had done when in the enjoyment of health. In this examination relative to the discharge of my duties toward my fellow creatures as a man, a Christian minister, and an officer of the Church, I stood approved by my own conscience; but in relation to my Redeemer and Savior the (Continued on page three)

THE LORD IS WITH US

ANDREWS, N. C.—I am still thanking God for a full and free salvation. "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, all that is within me bless his holy name." Three years ago the Lord wonderfully sanctified and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and He still abides. I thank the Lord for the way He is blessing His children here and for the good meeting we had Saturday night and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6. Our pastor, Brother Earl Ledford, and some of the saints came over from Hayesville, N. C. and were in the service. Oh how the Lord did bless. The power fell in a wonderful way. There was dancing, shouting, and praising God. We are few in number but the Lord is with us. We have prayer meetings Sunday evening, Thursday night and Saturday night. Saints, pray for us here, for we surely have the enemy to fight. He is trying us on every hand but we know we are serving a Captain who never lost a battle. Bless His dear name! Pray a special prayer for my boys that God will save, sanctify and fill them with the Holy Ghost. They are in sin but I know we are serving a prayer answering God and that He will hear His children's prayers. Pray for the ones here who are seeking the Holy Ghost.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Bertha Nichols, clerk.

SPECIAL NOTICE

I have had a request from W. D. Childers, Overseer of Bahama Islands, for a tent. Some one having a good tent that you would like to have used in the service of the Lord where it can be a great blessing write to this office.—Signed, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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All the friends of Brother R. P. Johnson and family and the Church at large will be pleased to know that Sister Johnson will arrive in Cleveland, Jan. 5, in the afternoon. She has been dismissed from the hospital but her limb is still in the plaster of Paris case. The physicians at the hospital stated that it would be several weeks yet before her leg could be taken out of the case. It is very gratifying to know that she is able to be moved home. The rest of the family apparently have recovered from their wounds.

The work of the Church in general is moving forward with great rapidity. Many new churches are being set in order and good reports are coming from all over the field. While the financial depression is on many of our ministers are suffering from lack of support, yet they are remaining loyal and true to the work assigned to their hands. This is a great opportunity for the work of the Lord. When God's judgments are in the earth the people will learn righteousness.

The Bible School is getting along O. K. Much interest is being shown by the students in studying the Word of God. Some of the students had to leave on account of finances but others have taken their place and the outlook is good. The musical department is taking on new life. Brother McCoy is pushing this department. They have a six weeks' Normal Course which is in session now. Eugene Wright is here as a teacher. Quiet a few out-of-town pupils are taking this course.

Please remember the Penny Drive for the general indebtedness. We must finish these debts this year and if all our people who are able will be loyal there will be ample funds to pay the remainder of these debts.

To those who owe the Publishing House: Please remember that we will highly appreciate any remittances.

We have just received word from Brother Herschel Dillinger, pastor of the church at Williston, O., that they have a revival going there. In three nights three have been saved. Please pray much for this meeting.

Church at Marked Tree, Ark. Moving Along

I will speak a word or two in regard to the church at Marked Tree, Ark. I think the church is rising and shining for the Lord. Saturday night, Dec. 12, the Lord wonderfully blessed. Sunday, Dec. 13, the Lord blessed us again and the Holy Ghost did abide. On Sunday night as the weather was so rainy and bad there were but a few there but the Lord wonderfully blessed us. Some spoke in tongues and it was interpreted. I want all who read this to pray for the church at Marked Tree, Ark. Pray for me that I might raise my children right as I am a widow.—A sister in Christ, Rosa May Wells, Box 517, Marked Tree, Ark.

21 Received Holy Ghost, 21 Came Into Church

I praise the Lord for the three weeks' meeting that Brother Chambers held at Carbon Hill, Ala. Twenty-one received the Holy Ghost and twenty-two came into the Church. About

NOTICES & REQUESTS

To all the Churches of God people in Texas and elsewhere: We have just finished our new church building for which we praise the Lord. It is the answering of our long prayers. In spite of every opposition and depression God, being our helper, we have succeeded in our undertaking. Thank the Lord! Everybody passing this way please stop in and pay us a visit. We will be glad to have you. Pray for us.—Ross Hill, clerk of the Church of God, Sweetwater, Tex.

We are engaged in a revival at Ages, Ky. The Lord is in our midst. We desire the prayers of all God's people. We will have all day service Jan. 10. Our speakers will be, J. C. Jernigan, subject, "Baptism of the Holy Ghost and When Received"; B. H. Enix, "Purpose of Prayer"; Brother Sam Holcomb, "Result of a Spirit Filled Church"; G. A. Fore will speak on "The Coming of the Lord"; E. D. Johnson on "Confidence"; Brother John Arrowood on "Love." Good music and good singing. Everybody welcome. Come!—J. H. Hampton, pastor, L. M. Derm, Secretary and Treasurer, Grays Knob, Ky.

Notice is hereby given to the membership of McCrory Church of God, Earle Church of God, and Hamlin Church of God, all of which are located in Haynes District, Ark.: These churches have been transferred to the Widener Church of God and all members of the above churches are hereby requested to report in person or by letter by the first Sunday in February 1932 to Sister Lurah Martin, clerk, Widener, Ark. Rt. 1, North. Your name will be dropped from the new roll if you do not report.—J. B. Lindley, district pastor.

To whom it may concern: If any district pastor or State Overseer has a pastorate and no one to locate there, would you please consider me and help me get located as I have no place yet. I might handle two small country churches. Any one who is interested please write me at Taibon, N. Mex.—J. A. Tant, evangelist.

To the ministers of South Carolina: We are giving below the dates and places of District Conventions to be held in this state for this assembly year.

Rock Hill Dist., Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 28-31, 1932.
Walhalla Dist., Walhalla, S. C., Feb. 11-14, 1932.

Dillon Dist., Dillon, S. C., Feb. 25-28, 1932.

Greenville Dist., Greenville, S. C., Mar. 3-6, 1932.

Columbia Dist., Columbia, S. C., Mar. 10-13, 1932.

Each convention will begin at 7:00 P. M. on date given above and will close on the last day at 4:00 P. M. Let us insist that all ministers of each respective district be present at the convention. The convention needs you and you need the convention. We will send you a program of the convention later.

We ask that each district overseer be able to give a report of the work in your district.—Love, H. L. Whittington, Overseer of South Carolina.

On the 5th Sunday in January 1932 we will have homecoming day at the Church of God, 1431 E. S. Davis St., South, Rocky Mount. We are expecting a feast from the Lord, also from the table. Everybody come and bring a well filled basket. Tell your friends and neighbors. Everybody is welcome. If you have any music bring it along.

We are expecting our State Overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, to be with us, also our district pastor, C. H. Deans. Come one, come all! Pray much for us.—Mrs. T. M. Starling, clerk, Rt. 4, Box 72, Rocky Mt., N. C.

To whom it may concern: Any one wishing to write or mail a handkerchief to me, my address has been changed from Lillington, N. C. to Washington, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 58.—T. L. Little.

Our address has been changed from Box 253, Waycross, Ga. to 1450 Bronell St., Waycross, Ga.—D. W. Mills.

Good news for Texas: We are going to have our first district convention and ministers' meeting on the Ranger district with the Ranger Church, January 22, 23, 24. I would be glad every minister in the state would be here. We will try to have a program arranged appropriate for the occasion. All pending business ready for the State Board will be looked after. Other conventions and evangelistic work outlined. All general matters considered, a State Uniform plan of handling our local problems worked out. Come on and let us get together and pull together with love, unity and fellowship for the best year yet of the Church of God in Texas.—S. J. Wood, Overseer of Texas.

thirty-one were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I do thank God for it. Old Carbon Hill is still moving on. I praise God for Brother Chambers and for the great work he has done for this place. The Church of God is shining here. We all love Brother Chambers and are glad because he came and helped us take a stand against the devil.—W. L. Hagood, Carbon Hill, Ala.

There will be a District Meeting for the Kentucky River Churches, Brother J. R. West, Dist. Overseer, Brother J. C. Jernigan, State Overseer, will be present. Everybody welcome. Meeting will be held Jan. 15, 16, 17.—Eulless J. Gross, cleric.

I wish to report that I am now in a revival with a brother from West Virginia. We are enjoying a good spirit in the meeting. We ask the Evangel readers to pray the dear Lord will give us a good meeting.—Yours for Jesus and His church, C. H. King, pastor.

REQUESTS

Please help me pray that my husband, father and children will be saved.—Your sister in Christ, Goldie Pastlewit, Konawa, Okla.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for me. I want the Holy Ghost. Also pray for my wife that the Lord will take her back at any cost. She has backslidden and wants to get back right.—R. G. Rackley.

I want all the saints to pray for me. I am almost blind. I cannot tell who anybody is three feet away from me. On a cloudy day it looks like the moon light to me. Oh, I do love Jesus better than anything in this world and I want every saint of God who reads this to pray for the healing of my eyes. Oh, pray, pray and hold on to God for I do know that He can and will heal. He has healed me so many times. Praise His holy name! I want everybody to pray that I will get stronger in the blessed Lord and be more humble. Pray for my sons, sons-in-law, daughters and daughters-in-law that they will get right with God before it is too late. Pray that I will always be found doing the Lord's will until He comes or calls for me.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. S. R. Booth, Samoset, Fla.

I thank God this evening for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I ask the saints everywhere to pray for my husband. He has backslidden and Nov. 13 he left home. Pray that he will return home that the Lord will save his soul. Pray for me to overcome as I am lonesome for the saints at Cawood, but thank God I am still an overcomer. Pray for my daughter as she is sick. Pray that I may hold out faithful until Jesus comes or calls for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Strunk, Cawood, Ky.

Please pray for me as I am not well. I have something wrong with my side. I am trusting the Lord. I am far away from any of the saints and I do not get to go to church much but I hope to get to go some sweet day. Please pray a prayer for me. I need your help. Pray for my husband.—Your sister in the Church, Mrs. R. E. Murphy, Kilmichael, Miss.

I want all who read this to earnestly pray for a friend of mine to be healed. She is an old lady up in the seventies. One of her feet is very badly afflicted. She asked me to send a request to the Evangel for her to be healed so please pray for her. It may make her a stronger believer if she is healed by prayer. She doesn't trust God alone for her body. Also pray for her to be completely healed of high blood pressure and gallstone and that she will get the Holy Ghost. She told me she wanted the Holy Ghost.—A sister in Christ, Zepher McCain, Stewart, Miss.

I ask you to pray that God will heal me of my weakness. My husband is a Church of God preacher and pastor of the little church here at Grays Knob, Ky. We have ten children and only four of them are saved. We want you to pray much that God will save them, sanctify and fill them with the Holy Ghost and add them to the Church of God where they can do something for God and not be spending their money for home brew, rum, tobacco, cigarettes, paint and gum. But praise God I want them and God wants them and God's saints want them to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire and added to His Church, to pay tithes, to make freewill offerings to help in the Home Mission, Foreign Mission and just do all and He will open to us the windows of heaven and pour us down a blessing that will take more room. Pray much for the revival here at this place.—Mrs. Jno. Arrowood, Grays Knob, Ky.

Pray that God will undertake and another church will be set up here. We had a Church of God here once but some of the members moved away and others fell away from God and the church went down. Pray that we will ever be found in the center of God's great will.—A brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Whetstone, Stroud, Okla., Rt. 4, Box 2.

I ask special prayer for my father. He is suffering from kidney and bladder troubles. He suffers untold misery. The doctor can't do him any good out I know that all things are possible with God. Please pray earnestly for him that the Lord will heal him and save his soul.—His daughter, Helen Morris, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 1.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

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S. W. Latimer,

E. J. Boehmer,

I. C. Barrett.

Dec. 1-31, 1931

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Mr. Chas. Cabe, Hayesville, N. C. 2 bu. apples. (Should have been in November report.)

Mrs. Martha Durgen, Chickamauga, Ga., 6 boys' shirts, 8 pr. bloomers, 10 princess slips, 2 pr. teddies, 30 children's dresses, 13 misses' dresses. (All new.)

Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga., 15 ladies' handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Maggie Gilmer, Ware Shoals, S. C., 3 pr. pants, 6 dresses, 1 coat, 1 pr. pajamas, 1 gown. (Worn.)

Church and friends, Steppock, Ark., 1 quilt top, 1 salt and pepper set, 6 bars soap, 4 spools thread, 1 bolt bias tape, 1 doily, 2 scarfs, 1 yd. cloth, 2 dresses (new), 2 dresses (worn).

Church, Port Arthur, Tex., 1 quilt for Boys' Farm.

Church of God Ladies' Aid, Fitzgerald, Ga., 2 quilts.

Mr. A. B. Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla., 1 large barrel fish.

Mr. B. Winston, Knoxville, Tenn., 17 pr. boys' sport socks.

Church and friends, Montgomery, Ala., 1 quilt.

St. Joseph Ave., St. Joseph, Mo., 2 pr. unions, 2 pr. pajamas, 2 pr. overalls, 2 children's dresses, 1 quilt top.

Church, Bernard, Ky., 1 towel, 2 yds. gingham, 3 yds. muslin, 2 spools thread, 5 pr. children's hose.

S. S. Class, No. 5, Lakeland, Fla., 1 quilt. Sister Cox also collected the following: 4 wash cloths, 1 bar soap, 1 boy's suit, 2 yds. bleaching, 3 yds. voile, 2 1/2 yds. gingham, 12 yds. prints in four pieces, 1 1/2 yds. linen.

From Mississippi, no name, 1 gal. syrup, 1 gal. honey, 1 1/2 gal. peacans, 1 1/2 gal. peanuts.

Mrs. Bessie Lehmon, Rome, Ga., 10 bars wash soap, 1 box toilet soap, 2 boxes wash powder, 1 towel.

No. 9 Cates Ave., Thomasville, N. C., 5 misses' dresses, 1 boy's waist, 4 children's dresses, 6 baby dresses, 3 1/2 yds. cloth, 1 belt.

Church, Myersdale, Pa., 1 large box containing clothing and shoes, 4 wash rags, 4 towels, 2 tooth brushes, 1 box tooth paste.

Church, Wilcox, Va., 2 pkgs. candy, 1 pkg. cakes, 2 cans tomatoes, 1 bar soap, 1 qt. preserves, 1 pt. jelly, 5 bars soap, 3 pr. underwear, 1 pr. baby bloomers, 2 pr. hose, 1 baby dress with bloomers, 1 box sugar.

S. S. Cincinnati, O. (Thanksgiving offering) \$13.00; S. S. Bixbee, Ariz. \$1.07; S. S. Clinton, S. C. \$7.00; L. M. Hunt, Branford, Fla. \$1.50; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, \$8.50; S. S. Clyde, N. C. \$5.30; S. S. Abernath, Ala. \$1.00; S. S. Greenville, S. C. \$6.17; Chas. M. Morgan, \$1.00; S. S. Statesville, N. C. \$1.24; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$13.76; Church, McCowan's Creek, Tenn. \$6.00; W. M. Walker, Coalgood, Ky. \$1.00; S. S. Lawton, Okla. \$1.98; S. S. Labelle, Fla. \$1.74; S. S. Salem, W. Va. \$2.32; S. B. Cape, Giradeau, Mo. \$8.00; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. \$2.95; S. S. Bone Cave, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Olney, Ill. \$2.52; S. S. Lakeland, Fla. \$15.27; S. S. Columbus, Ga. \$9.00; S. S. Summiton, Ala. \$5.34; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$3.00; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. \$1.29; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. \$4.00; S. S. Hattiesburg, Miss. \$2.00; S. S. Cross City, Fla. \$1.46; S. S. Shepherd's Fold, La. \$4.00; S. S. Seaford, Del. \$1.40; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$3.09; S. S. Ennis, W. Va. \$1.50; S. S. Lannett, Ala. \$1.04; S. S. Lannett, Tex. \$3.00; S. S. Riviera, Fla. \$6.00; S. S. Silver Point, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Akron, Ohio, \$6.27; S. S. Pulaski, Va. \$2.05; S. S. Ft. Worth, Tex. \$1.58; S. S. Barnabas, W. Va. \$1.52; Church, Brindley's Chapel, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Metz, W. Va. \$1.86; S. S. Petersburg, W. Va. \$1.00; S. S. Rocky Hill, Miss. \$2.00; Church, Schofield, Va. \$6.00; S. S. Caraway, Ark. \$1.45; S. S. Port Arthur, Tex. \$2.48; Church, Port Arthur, Tex. \$2.52; S. S. Sulphur Springs, Fla. \$2.58; S. S. Weatherford, Texas, 78c; S. S. Ranger, Tex. \$5.00; S. S. Kentwood, La. \$1.02; S. S. Bonne Terre, Mo. \$3.08; S. S. Middlesboro, Ky. \$4.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Walker, Coalgood, Ky. \$1.00; Church, Waycross, Ga. \$3.94; S. S. LaFayette Ga. \$3.20; S. S. Parkwood, Ala. \$6.00; S. S. Central, S. C. \$4.00; S. S. Asheville, N. C. \$6.00; S. S. Kannapolis, N. C. \$1.72; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. (Country) 96c; Church, Gaffney, S. C. \$1.66; Church, Easton, Md. \$6.95; S. S. Lynchburg, Va. \$1.87; S. S. LaFrance, S. C. \$1.31; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn. \$1.19; S. S. Hollidaysburg, Pa. \$4.00; S. S. Truman, Ark. \$4.00; S. S. West Helena, Ark. \$4.00; S. S. Toledo, Ohio, \$3.89; S. S. Electra, Tex. \$1.38; Church, Electra, Tex. \$1.38; S. S. Faxon, Okla. \$3.00; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. \$1.80; Mrs. Katie Hastings, Rhodesdale, Md. \$2.14; S. S. Willis Point, Texas, 50c; S. S. Eldorado, Md. \$3.00; S. S. W. Frankfort, Ill. \$6.91; S. S. Double Springs, Ala. \$2.00; S. S. Huntington, W. Va. \$3.46; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. \$10.22; Church, Carson Springs, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Walbridge, Ohio, \$3.20; R. L. Rexrode, Wilcox, W. Va. \$1.95; S. S. Reading, Pa. \$1.22; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. \$2.92; S. S. Pensacola, Fla. \$3.50; S. S. Selma, Ala. \$2.00; S. S. Lester, W. Va. \$4.00; S. S. Joplin, Mo. \$2.00; S. S. Joplin, Mo. \$2.00; S. S. Fleetwood, Ala. \$6.00; S. S. Cloplint, Ky. \$6.00; S. S. Bainbridge, Ga. \$6.00; Church, Dillon, S. C. \$8.00; S. S. Owtown, Ga. \$2.00; S. S. Boynton, Pa. \$1.61; S. S. Sebewa, Mich. \$1.70; S. S. Tarboro, N. C. \$1.00; S. S. Greenwood, S. C. \$3.37; S. S.

Tampa, Fla. \$3.09; Church, Shelby, N. C. \$1.02; S. S. Ravia, Okla. \$1.64; S. S. Draper, N. C. \$2.00; S. S. Paris, Mich. \$1.05; S. S. Allison's Chapel, Va. \$1.00; S. S. Arcadia, Fla. \$5.10; S. S. Pruden, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Joseph's Chapel, Miss. \$2.80; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. \$1.95; S. S. St. Luke, Md. \$5.00; S. S. Lynch, Ky. \$1.27; S. S. Baltimore, Md. \$5.88; S. S. Monroe, Va. \$3.70; S. S. Big Timber, Mont. \$1.82; Church, Louisville, Ky. \$2.00; S. S. Winchester, Ky. \$1.21; S. S. Maryville, Tenn. \$6.00; S. S. Ft. Green Springs, Fla. \$1.79; Church, Gasparilla, Fla. \$1.45; S. S. St. Louis, Mo. \$2.24; Church, Paris, Tex. \$2.50; Church, Catechee, S. C. \$1.27; S. S. Minot, N. Dak. \$19.10; S. S. Terris Fork, N. C. \$4.00; S. S. Trafford, Ala. \$2.00; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. (Town) \$7.00; S. S. Lubbock, Tex. \$1.10; S. S. Maud, Okla. \$1.14; S. S. Ross Tabernacle, Ja., 06c; S. S. Blackwoods, Ja., 06c; S. S. Muir House, Ja., 04c; S. S. Mitchell Hill, Ky. \$4.00; S. S. Canton, Ohio, \$4.61; S. S. Maples, Fla. \$1.71; S. S. Frost Proof, Fla. \$8.63; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. \$2.00; S. S. Wellston, Ohio, \$3.34; S. S. Benndale, Miss. \$2.14; S. S. Phoenix City, Ala. \$1.32; S. S. Barnardsville, N. C. \$4.00; S. S. Pittsburg, Pa. \$5.00; S. S. Slaton, Tex. \$4.00; S. S. Rock Hill, Fla. \$5.00; Church, Crown Hill, W. Va. \$4.92; S. S. Mobetie, Tex. \$4.00; S. S. Sugar Grove, Ill. \$2.47; S. S. Trinity, Tex. \$6.00; S. S. Fitzgerald, Ga. \$1.30; S. S. Center, Texas, (Twitty) \$1.10; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. \$4.42; Mrs. Mary Weeks, Bogue, N. C. \$1.00; Herbert Mackerell, Pittsburg, Pa. \$3.00; S. S. Boswell, Pa. \$8.76; S. S. Grano, N. Dak. \$5.00; S. S. Lake Worth, Fla. \$5.29; S. S. Christian, W. Va. \$3.00; S. S. Ryder, N. Dak. \$5.18; S. S. Union Grove, Ga. \$4.92; S. S. Milton, W. Va. \$6.00; Y.P.E. Shelburn, Ind. \$3.50; S. S. Pontiac, Mich. \$10.00; S. S. Memphis, Tenn. \$1.86; S. S. Morgantown, Miss. \$1.00; S. S. Tellico Plains, Tenn. \$4.00; S. S. Gastonia, N. C. \$2.06; Church, Manns Choice, Pa. \$5.00; S. S. Chaucery, Ill. \$1.16; S. S. Broad Creek, N. C. \$1.50; S. S. McMinville, Tenn. \$6.35; S. S. Rock Hill, S. C. \$3.40; S. S. Lamesa, Tex. \$1.50; Church, Manns Choice, Pa. \$6.00; Church, Dalton, Ga. \$1.23; S. S. Imboden, Ark. \$7.50; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, \$2.94; Church, Uhrichsville, Ohio, \$1.00; S. S. Mooresville, N. C. \$1.97; S. S. Baldwin Park, Calif. \$2.72; S. S. Kimberly, Ala. \$3.29; S. S. Hudson, Fla. \$4.40; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. \$2.34; Church, War, W. Va. \$5.00; S. S. Chilhowie, Va. \$1.68; S. S. Ft. Pierce, Fla. \$1.60; S. S. Honea Path, S. C. \$1.00; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. \$1.92; Mrs. Leaun Oatout, Cartland, Ind. \$3.50;

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THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

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result was different. My returns of gratitude and loving obedience bear no proportion to my obligations for redeeming, preserving, and supporting me through the vicissitudes of life from infancy to old age. The coldness of my love to Him who first loved me and has done so much for me overwhelmed and confused me; and to complete my unworthy character, I had not only neglected to improve the grace given to the extent of my duty and privilege, but for want of that improvement had, while abounding in perplexing care and labor, declined from first zeal and love. I was confounded, humbled myself, implored mercy, and renewed my covenant to strive and devote myself unreservedly to the Lord.—Bishop McKendree.

Let us often look at Brainerd in the woods of America pouring out his very soul before God for the perishing heathen without whose salvation nothing could make him happy. Prayer—secret, fervent, believing prayer—lies at the root of all personal godliness. A competent knowledge of the language where a missionary lives, a mild and winning temper, a heart given up to God in closet religion—these are the attainments which, more than all knowledge or all other gifts, will fit us to become the instruments of God in the great work of human redemption.—Carey's Brotherhood Sermon.

You know the value of prayer: it is precious beyond all price. Never, never neglect it.—Sir Thomas Buxton. Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray, then, my dear brother, pray, pray, pray.—Edward Payson.

The principal cause of my leanness and unfruitfulness is owing to an unaccountable backwardness to pray. I can write or read or converse or hear with a ready heart; but prayer is more spiritual and inward than any of these, and the more spiritual any duty is the more my carnal heart is apt to start from it. Prayer, patience and faith are never disappointed. I have long since learned that if ever I was to be a minister, faith and prayer must make me one. When I can find my heart in frame and liberty for prayer, everything else is comparatively easy.—Richard Newton.

The great masters and teachers in Christian doctrine have always found in prayer their highest source of illumination. Not to go beyond the limits of the English Church, it is recorded of Bishop Andrews that he spent five hours daily on his knees. The greatest practical resolves that have enriched and beautified human life in Christian times have been arrived at in prayer.—Canon Liddon.

Charles Simeon devoted the hours from four till eight in the morning to God. Mr. Wesley spent two hours daily in prayer. He began at four in the morning. Of him, one who knew him well wrote: "He thought prayer to be more his business than anything else, and I have seen him come out of his closet with a serenity of face next to shining."

John Fletcher stained the walls of his room with the breath of his prayers. Sometimes he would pray all night. Luther said: "If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day."

Archbishop Leighton was so much alone with God that he seemed to be in a perpetual meditation. Bishop Ken was so much with God that his soul was said to be God enamored. He was with God before the clock struck three every morning.

Bishop Asbury said: I propose to rise at four o'clock as often as I can and spend two hours in prayer and meditation.

Samuel Rutherford, the fragrance of whose piety is still rich, rose at three in the morning to meet God in prayer. Joseph Alleine arose at four o'clock for his business of praying till eight. If he heard other tradesmen plying their business before he was up, he would exclaim: O how this shames me! Doth not my Master deserve more than theirs.

John Welch, the holy and wonderful Scotch preacher, thought the day ill spent if he did not spend eight or ten hours in prayer. He kept a plaid that he might wrap himself when he arose to pray at night. His wife would complain when she found him lying on the ground weeping. He would reply: O

woman, I have the souls of three thousand to answer for, and I know not how it is with many of them.

Payson wrote the hard-wood boards into grooves where his knees pressed so often and so long.

The act of praying is the very highest energy of which the human mind is capable; praying, that is, with the total concentration of the faculties. The great mass of worldly men and of learned men are absolutely incapable of prayer.—Coleridge.

The Marquis DeRenty, to whom Christ was most precious, ordered his servant to call him from his devotions at the end of half an hour. The servant at the time saw his face thru an aperture. It was marked with such holiness that he hated to arouse him. His lips were moving, but he was perfectly silent. He waited until three half hours had passed; then he called to him, when he arose from his knees, saying that the HALF HOUR was so short when he was communing with Christ.

William Bramwell is famous in Methodist annals for personal holiness and for his wonderful success in preaching and for the marvelous answers to his prayers. For hours at a time he would pray. He almost lived on his knees. He went over his circuits like a flame of fire. The fire was kindled by the time he spent in prayer. He often spent as much as four hours in a single season of prayer in retirement.

Bishop Andrews spent the greatest part of five hours every day in prayer and devotion.

Sir Henry Havelock always spent the first two hours of each day alone with God. If the encampment was struck at 6:00 A. M. he would rise at four.

Earl Cairns rose daily at six o'clock to secure an hour and a half for the study of the Bible and for prayer before conducting family worship at a quarter to eight.

THE ECLIPSE

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far away but He seems near when His agent, the great Holy Ghost, gives His warmth of love, hope and comfort.

When we behold the sun it is strangely the truth that we are most of the time more interested in the spots we see on his surface than the beautiful rays he sends forth. This is true in all of us, when we see a child of God who fairly radiates with the glory of Him we are more liable to see the spots or defects and to examine them with the greater interest than the good. Some astronomers say that the spots we believe we see are not on the sun at all but are defects in the glass thru which we behold it. Most of the time, I suppose, when we see defects they are in our own eyes as Jesus has said, "And why beholdest thou the mote in thy brother's eye, and considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Matt. 7:3. The spots on the sun are not in the light but are in the surface of the body in which the light dwells. Compare these two Scriptures, Gen. 1:3, "Let there be light, and there was light." We see that this was the first day. Then notice V. 16, "And God made two great lights" (sun and moon). Notice that this was on the fourth day. You see that light was created on the first day and the sun on the fourth day and so light and sun are different. Then our conclusion would be that the sun was once probably an earth, resembling our own but that God incarnated the light into it thus making our great sun. I think this is the way it is with us. God made us, then later when we met the condition He sent the Spirit of His Son into our lives and when our friends look upon us they may know that if there be any spots they are not on the Spirit side but are all in the flesh. "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." We are indeed much like the sun. We were once in darkness but God whispered, "Let there be light," and on the glorious relief when it comes! David one time after he had had light, cried, "Create within me a new heart." That is what God did on the fourth day. Then after the light was produced and a new heart was created there needed to be an incarnation as it was with the sun, so God placed the light into the new sanctified heart thus baptizing with the Holy Ghost. Oh the light that is sent forth by the baptized life. He lives not to profit himself but to profit others.

All admit that it is dangerous to look on the sun without a smoked glass or a telescope. Then, since God is greater than the sun, they should admit it is dangerous to look at Him without a mediator. It is a dangerous thing to fall into the hands of a living God. If we look at God it must be thru Christ. Astronomers look at the sun thru glasses in a telescope. Christians look at God thru faith in Christ. Blindness is the penalty of seeing the sun without a glass but death is the penalty of seeing God without the blood of Christ.

The sun has different effects on different plants. Wheat seed grow wheat and corn seed with the same sun grow corn, and as the Sun of righteousness shines on us some are preachers, some teachers and some evangelists, etc., but strangely enough no two are exactly the same.

In darkest shades if He appear,
My dawning is begun;
He is my soul's sweet morning star,
He is my rising sun.
Rising sun in itself brings refreshing joy. It dissipates darkness with

its contents. The bats, rats, owls and roaches are inhabitants of the night. In spiritual darkness, or night, there grope fear and dread. The devil is the agent of the night. They that are drunk are drunk in the night. They love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. The natural man loves light but, O soul in darkness, if you will fear God's name, unto you shall arise the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings and ye shall go forth and grow as calves in a stall.

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GOOD NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD, GREATER ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE CHURCHES

Part of a letter from Brother Childers in the Bahamas.

"Dear Brother Tharp: I received your good letter the ninth and was glad to hear from you. The other boys haven't written to me yet, that is since I have been over here.

"We had a nice trip all the way from Knoxville to Nassau. We enjoyed a short stay in Miami with Brother Chess and Brother Harmon. They came down to the boat with us and followed us as far as they could go.

"We had a pleasant trip coming over on the boat, didn't get seasick, just a little dizzy a few times. A large crowd came to meet us at the boat and they were glad to see us. These people can beat anybody I ever saw showing their appreciation. We were in five reception services, one every night. Brother Eneas did all he could to make us feel welcome. He told me last night that he was going to help just all he could. Everybody seems to be glad that we are here.

"Brother Tharp, it surely is marvelous how God has worked ever since we went to the mission room at 4:30 Thursday at the Assembly. God has helped us in everything concerning our coming over here. These people feel just like we did, that God has answered prayer. Two sisters were praying that God would send us an overseer to the islands, and while they were praying they saw a man, so when I got off the boat they knew me, and I was the one they saw. I am still crying when I think the way God has worked it all out.

"The biggest need that I see over here at present is help for the ministers. Since the panic is on they don't get anything hardly from the churches they pastor. All of them work for a living and that hinders them from getting out in the work like they want to. If the mission fund was strong enough to help support, just the district overseers, so they could travel on each island, we could hold our people much better and could gain more for the Church. Fifty or seventy-five dollars a month would go a long way to help out along this line. They are willing to go and sacrifice if they had a little for their families to live on. I know at present we don't have it but I am praying that God will work along this line. I believe He will.

"I am expecting to start my travel just after Christmas to the other islands, then I will be able to tell you more about the needs of the islands.

"Brother, I am praying that God will put it on some one's heart to send us a tent. We surely could use one here for God's glory. I am sure I could get some good white people if we had a place for them to come. I am giving most of my time to the mission in Free Town, and God surely is blessing. They pack and jam the building. We have hardly room to preach. Wednesday night God surely got a hold of the people and twelve or fifteen came to the altar. One fell on the outside and they carried her to the altar. Thursday night there were about seventeen. I think I will start a revival there soon. Lots of white people come here

that comes between God and man, thus forming an ECLIPSE.

An eclipse is a fearful phenomenon that brings inexpressible feelings. There was an eclipse in 1924 and it was described as a great blanket of darkness. Today there are thousands and millions in an eclipse. They are enshrouded with a blanket of darkness of sin. There are different degrees of darkness. Some believe that the expression, "so dark I could feel it," to be an exaggeration but in Ex. 10:21 the Lord told Moses to stretch out his hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. A shepherd girl one morning as usual took her sheep up a hill beside a village and as the sheep were feeding about 10:00 a. m. the sun was eclipsed. The girl was frightened by the unusual darkness and began to cry and weep aloud. Her parents came to console her but they had no faith and did not know that the sun would reappear so they all wept together. Finally the sun reappeared and in the girl's exceeding great joy she cried, "O beautiful sun!" I can say by experience and observation that the sinner who has come from under the influence of the eclipse of sin will in reality exclaim, O BEAUTIFUL SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!

The most hazardous phenomenon this world has ever known was the coinciding eclipse that occurred A. D. 28, when the moon came between the sun and the earth and when the sins of men came between God and man, as that pure spotless Lamb of God hanged between heaven and earth as a sacrifice once for all. Ah, now words fail me! I would to God I could paint the picture of the Hero of the eclipse. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter to bring me from the influence of the sinful eclipse. With closed eyes and minds of concentration we see Him there on Golgotha's hill abiding

to hear us preach but they can't get inside. So please pray that God will help us. It looks like God is working for us everywhere.

"Tell all the people to write to us. A letter from the U. S. A. is appreciated any time. (It takes five cents on your letters.)

"Your brother in Christ,
W. D. Childers,
Nassau, N. P., Bah."

JESUS IS A FRIEND IN TIME OF NEED

I am praising and thanking God this day for such a wonderful plan of salvation, for His keeping and healing power. I am praising Him because He wonderfully heals me. Last Friday I was very sick with a pain in my neck which went in my back and left hand. I had fever with those pains. I prayed and prayed but I felt no better Saturday. I only felt worse. Saturday night I could neither sit up or lie down. I called on God and said, "Lord if you will only heal me I will send a letter to my church tomorrow and tell how you healed me." Immediately I felt asleep and by the time I waked I was healed. Thank God! What a dear Savior I have found. He is everything to me. All who read this please pray for me for I mean to go right on in Jesus' name until He comes or calls for me. Please pray for my husband to get closer to Jesus and pray for my sister-in-law to be saved.—I am your sister under the blood, L. A. Wright, Grantham, Ja., B.W.I.

THE WAY IS GROWING BRIGHTER

OLUSTEE, Ja., B.W.I.—I thank God for victory in my soul and for the way the Lord is blessing here. The way is growing brighter and the work here progressing. Souls are being saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. On Sept. 27, 1931 seven were baptized in water by our State Overseer. We thank God to have him with us again this year. We appreciate his examples of humility which we would take unto consideration and ask for grace to keep us humble at Jesus' feet. All who read this please pray that I will keep humble at Jesus' feet until He comes or calls.—Yours in Christ, D. Louise Henry.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS SWEET LOVE AND HELP TO US

GRANTHAM, Ja., B.W.I.—Beloved, I am praising the Lord this morning for His sweet love and help to me continually. He said, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." I can praise Him for I found Him to be true to me in every way. I asked Him to help me to put a business straight. Before I asked the Lord I told it to one of my church sisters. She told me if I promised to testify I wouldn't get it. Still I leaned on Jesus' arm and in three or four days I went back to her and told her I got things straightened. We are to trust the Lord for everything and trust Him without wavering. Please pray for me now that the Lord may sanctify and baptize me with the Holy Ghost and fire so that I may be fitted for His service.—Your brother in Christ, George Powell, clerk.

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ing by His Father's will. The darkness of the eclipse came on literally and religiously. As the Savior's tender heart beat slower and weaker the hope of Christianity grew darker for Christ their Hope and Sun of righteousness slowly sank over the horizon. His promise of return was forgotten, all hope had vanished when after He had endured all the cross held for Him and the eclipse was climaxed when His loving head fell on the breast that had heaved its last time and He cried His last, "It is finished," those who crucified Him lost a friend. They who prosecuted Him lost a King. The wise lost a teacher. His disciples lost an elder brother. The lonely lost a compassionate companion. The suffering, lost a physician, but Mary, His mother, standing in the shadows of the cross, weak with grief, lost her most precious beloved firstborn Son.

Alas, the dense darkness and black, gloomy, obscure valley into which the disciples submerged! On account of sin God had turned His head from the earth. The sun had failed to shine and Jesus Christ whom they had expected to be their Messiah lay cold in Joseph's tomb. Do these pictures bring heaviness over your soul or a mist before your eyes? If we could but apprehend the scene as did the disciples, we could better appreciate the completion of this narrative. Strangely enough the sun receives more attention when in eclipse than at any other time for at this time men, women, and children can be seen in the streets and on housetops with smoked glasses, and always there is rejoicing when the sun reappears. There has been more said of, taught of, preached of, sung of, and thought of the eclipse of Calvary than any other incident on history's pages.

Ah, beloved, I need not say that there was joy, great joy, when the Sun of righteousness reappeared on that glad Easter morning as victor over the grave and firstfruits of the resurrection. Those who lost a temporary friend, King, teacher, companion or physician gained Him an eternal super-divine Sun of righteousness and Messiah. Oh, hallelujah and glory to His name! The awakening and dawning of eternal life that came when the stone was rolled away and Jesus came forth alive for evermore. Today it is our grand and glorious opportunity and duty to enjoy the rays of love from this great Sun of righteousness, and no longer dwell under the eclipse of sin for we are called out of darkness into marvelous light.

Prospects for a Good Year at Logan, W. Va.

LOGAN, W. Va.—We are having a fine revival. The Lord is blessing. Four have received the Holy Ghost. Several have been saved and five came into the church last night. Ten were baptized in water. The church at Logan is glad to get Brother Earl Paulk back here again for pastor. He surely is giving out the Word and folks are coming to church who never were in church before. I ask the saints everywhere to pray that this will be a fine year for the church at Logan. I will give a full report of the meeting later.—Your brother, H. W. Carter, clerk.

ON FIRE FOR GOD

SUNNY SOUTH, Ala.—I am praising the dear Lord for what He is to me. I am glad because I am on the firing line for God. Bless His dear name. I praise the dear Lord for the dear old Church of God at Sunny South, Ala. She is really on fire for God. We had a wonderful service Dec. 6. The Lord surely did bless. Two were saved, one reclaimed and all the

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have to learn many things by hard thumps. Precipitation.—Going too fast or indolence. Going too slow has hindered many. These and many other things of a similar nature are to be corrected by trials, rebuking, humiliations and hardships.

The heart is washed from sin by the blood of Jesus but the head is chastised from its narrowness and foolishness by a rod. You must not confound the washing of the heart with the teaching of the head. Divine Providence can always find an appropriate thing to serve as a fall. He may use loss of property or loss of friends, or health, or sore temptations, persecutions, ostracism, sore disappointments, misunderstanding of good people, bitter hatred of bad people, things in the outer life, things in the inner life, for a fall, to beat away either steadily or by spells day after day, week after week, or month after month, and sometimes for years, till all the graces are insured to trial.

Sooner or later all the principles that were involved in our consecration have to be brought out and tested in some furnace. Separating the elements of chaff is not cleansing but a threshing, and mark you, men never thresh grain while it is in the green, milk state but only when the grain is grown and pure and able to bear it.

"Tribulation worketh patience." This word "patience" should be, more properly "endure." Tribulation or threshing produces in the soul a hardhood, a toughness of fiber so it can endure all sorts of things with ease and calmness and sweetness of spirit. When the threshing first begins the soul though pure is tender and not accustomed to hard usage but tribulation produces a heroic toughness. There is youthfulness, a tender childhood in the sanctified experience just as truly as in the early days of our conversion.

"Holding the standard too high." The founder of Methodism said, "If we hold the standard too high we drive men to despair; if we hold it too low we drive them to hell fire." "Two kinds of sensitiveness." One is that mean trait of "touchiness" which takes offense at every slight remark or rebuke and cannot bear to be corrected. This is wrong. But there is another kind which is simply a sense of injustice and unkindness (or unfairness and unreasonableness) which is normal in any pure nature. This kind feels the thrust but no disposition to retaliate or return evil for evil. No desire for revenge, or to use a common expression, "get even." Amen.

saints revived. Our young people's meeting was organized by our pastor, Brother J. A. Hunt. We do praise the Lord for sending us a pastor like Brother Hunt. He has proved his love toward us and God.

I feel like Christ is coming soon, so pray that many precious souls will be ready to meet Him. I want to stand true and be ready to go when He comes.—(Miss) Louise Williamson.

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Deaths

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14:13.

WEST

Little Clarence West departed this life Dec. 12, 1931, age three years, five months and nineteen days. Little Clarence was sick most of his life. We loved him but the Lord loved him best. He leaves to mourn his death his father, mother, one brother, one grandfather, two grandmothers, uncles, aunts and a host of other relatives and friends. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Cedar Creek. The funeral was conducted by Brother McClendon, pastor, and friends of the Church of God of Olustee, Fla.—His mother, Agnes West.

GIBSON

On Dec. 10, 1931 the death angel visited the home of F. Gibson of Barbourville, Ky. and took from their home his son, Willie. He was in the bloom of youth, eighteen years of age. Willie was saved about a month before his death. He has gone to meet his mother, sister and brother-in-law (all three departed this life only a year ago). They died safe in the arms of Jesus too. He leaves to mourn his death his father, one brother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Sister Lillie M. Gibson, Brothers Ralph Moneyham and Gill Disney. His body was laid to rest in the Patterson Cemetery.—A friend, Lula M. Holcomb, Rt. 5, Box 115, Hamilton, Ohio.

GREEN

Carrie Green, better known as Mother Green, passed away at the Philadelphia General Hospital on Dec. 9, 1931, age about seventy-one years. Her husband and two children preceded her in death. No other relatives are known to be living. She was one among those who first began to receive the experience of sanctification with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:4, in the city of Philadelphia and lived that life until the end. She was a member of the first local Church of God in the state of Pennsylvania. Soon afterwards she was given the title as Mother of the Church. Funeral services were conducted at the church by the pastor, B. E. Dean. Many friends and members gave commemorative testimonies in her behalf. Her remains were laid to rest in the Eden Cemetery.—Lucius C. Hill, church clerk.

HOLLIS

On Dec. 9, 1931, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Hollis and claimed our dear sister, Frankie Hollis, age twenty-three years. She leaves to mourn her departure her father, two brothers, a stepmother, one stepbrother, one stepbrother, one half brother, one half sister and other relatives and friends. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Funeral services were conducted by Brother R. R. Martin of Caraway, Ark. and her remains were laid away in the Clay Hill Cemetery to await the coming of our dear Lord.—One who loved her, a sister in the Church of God, Ida Walker, Forrest City, Ark.

McCURRY

On Dec. 21, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Sister Maggie McCurry and claimed for its victim her husband, Brother Arthur McCurry. Brother McCurry had been sick for several months. He was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and was a minister of the Church of God. He leaves to mourn his departure one brother, three sisters, his wife, one stepson and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brothers Price, Scalf, Baily and his body laid to rest in the Monte Vista Burial Park to await the soon coming of Jesus.—A sister, Velvia Anderson, Johnson City, Tenn.

HOLT

On Dec. 9, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. N. A. Holt of Inman, S. C. and claimed for its victim her husband. He was a man of ability and was filled with the Holy Ghost. He was afflicted with a breaking out of sores and after the sores had disappeared a swelling followed and he went blind, yet he held on to God and we have been influenced by his good life. He leaves to mourn his

death his wife, four boys, one grandchild and a host of relatives and friends. To know him was to love him. We wish to extend our heart-felt sympathy and love to the bereaved family in their hour of loss and comfort them by saying, we can meet him in the great beyond.—One who loved him dearly, A sister in Christ, Sylvia Bowen, 2311 Peoples' St., Cleveland, Tenn.

GUTHRIE

Little Carl Guthrie, Jr., was born July 13, 1927 and went to be with Jesus Nov. 1, 1931. He leaves to mourn his departure his father, mother and three grandparents. His body was laid to rest in the Lynn Creed Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—His mother, Mrs. Carl Guthrie, Shannon, Tex.

PYLE

Donald Gene Pyle was born March 21, 1928 and God called him home Dec. 20, 1931. He was three years, nine months and twenty-nine days old. He is the son of Charlie and Lorene Dering Pyle. He leaves to mourn his absence his father, mother, one brother, one sister, two grandmothers, two grandfathers, eight uncles, two aunts and a host of other relatives and friends. Little Donald was loved by all who knew him. He would say he did not want the doctor but wanted the saints to pray for him that the Lord might heal him but Jesus wanted him to be with him. His body was laid to rest until the resurrection day.—W. R. Anderson, pastor of the Church of God, Carrier Mills, Ill.

SHANKS

On Dec. 13, 1931 the death angel visited the home of G. C. Shanks of Crockett, Tex. and claimed his wife, Sister Annie Shanks, age thirty-eight years and a few days. She was sick two years with cancer of the stomach. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, three children, a father, several brothers and sisters and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother Terry Wilson of Crockett, Tex. and her body was laid to rest in the Glen Wood Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Written by a friend who loved her, Maude Johnson, Crockett, Tex.

ARLINE

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arline and called their son, Billie, away. He was thirteen years, four months and five days old. He was sick only a short time. He was not a member of the Church of God but he believed in prayer and called for us to pray many times for him while he was sick. We don't weep as those who have no hope for we expect to see him again. He leaves his father, mother, three sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.—A cousin who loved him, Sallie Jones, Crystal River, Fla.

HELP THE MISSION CAUSE

I will tell you about our Christmas gift to Jesus. The last Sunday before Christmas we made a gift to Jesus of more than \$107. This is to go to the foreign mission fund. All offerings taken that day were to go to the foreign mission fund and that was fine. If all our pastors would do likewise it would greatly swell our missionary fund and I am sure it would please our Lord greatly. Our pastor, Brother Zeno C. Tharp, has the missionary cause very much at heart and I believe he will be rewarded for it in that great day of rewards for the last command Jesus gave was, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We can't all go in person but we can all go in praying and giving. We can all have a hand in obeying this great and last command of our blessed Lord. He gave Himself, the greatest and best that God the Father could give and it cost Him so much, but He loved us so, bless His dear name, that it cost Him His life, for He died for us, yes on the cruel cross. Bless His dear holy name. It caused Him to have to suffer untold agonies for us. Can't we suffer for Him? Yes, by God's help we can. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Eph. 5:25 26, "Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word." By reading the scriptures carefully and prayerfully we find that all giving is the result

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Wahpeton, N. Dak. \$1.00; Big Spgs., Tex. 23c; Plant City, Fla. 60c; Mobee, Tex. 12c; Olustee, Fla. \$5.90; Jensen, Fla. 87c; Coconut Grove, Fla. \$1.84; Mrs. J. W. Carey, Fla. \$5.00; Christopher, Ill. \$4.32; W. Frankfort, Ill. \$3.21; Carson Springs, Tenn. 64c; Ree, N. Dak. \$2.00; Lenoir City, Tenn. \$6.90; Weatherford, Tex. 78c; Brownfield, Tex. 30c; Slaton, Tex. 10c; Tampa, Fla. \$3.30; Carrier Mills, Ill. 92c; Maud Medlin, Miss. 25c; Norristown, Pa. \$1.12; Lester, W. Va. 50c; Woodbury, N. J. 37c; Willis Point, Tex. 15c; Paris, Tex. \$1.00; Washington, N. C. 27c; Boswell, Pa. 09c; Somerset, Pa. \$1.34; Ranger, Tex. 95c; Kathleen, Fla. 50c; Shamrock, Tex. 24c; Covington, La. 48c; St. Luke, Md. 42c; Tarboro, N. C. 70c; Princeton, W. Va. \$1.36; Shady Grove, Miss. \$1.00; Ella Mae Gaines, Me. 50c; Monroe, La. \$2.26; Largo, Fla. \$6.74; Kannapolis, N. C. \$2.00; Greenville, S. C. \$14.25; H. McAnay, Perry, Fla. 86c; Mrs. Alice Durrant, Ohio, \$2.00; Electra, Tex. \$1.28; Austinville, Va. 50c; Dora, Ala. \$4.00; Pensacola, Fla. 68c; Mt. Vernon, Ill. 23c; Parkersburg, W. Va. 64c; A Friend, Ferguson Falls, Minn. \$10.00; Collection General Assembly, 1931, \$316.95; Manns Choice, Pa. 64c; Ft. Worth, Tex. 67c; Pitts, Ga. 55c; Clarks Chapel, 35c; Orlando, Fla. \$1.01; Dunn, La. \$1.20 pineview, Ga. 32c; Montgomery, Ala. \$1.50; Summit, Ala. \$5.40; Crisfield, Md. \$2.35; Cottontale, Ala. 67c; Benton, Ill. \$1.20; Blossom, Tex. \$2.02; Lakeland, Fla. \$1.29; Lakeland Dist., Fla. \$2.50; Desdemona, Tex. 08c; S. Lebanon, Ohio, 74c; Lucy Snyder, Colorado, \$1.00; Davis Creek, W. Va. \$1.00; J. J. Hagins, S. C. 50c; Mrs. Lillian Kinsey, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \$1.20; Pisgah Springs (Eupora), Miss. \$1.40; McCleeny, Fla. \$4.55; Somerset, Ky. \$2.35; Portland, Me. \$1.05; Kermitt, W. Va. 50c; Macon, Ga. 83c; Chaucery, Ill. 68c; Joliet, Mont. \$1.16; Columbus, Ga. 08c; Hartwell, Ga. 66c; Clyde, N. C. \$1.50; Branford, Fla. 20c; Wake Forest, N. C. 13c; Knoxville, Tenn. \$1.00; Coconut Grove, Fla. \$1.08; Lafayette, Ga. 70c; Plaza, N. Dak. 28c; Eldorado, Ill. \$3.64; Charlotte, N. C. \$1.07; Greenville, N. C. 24c; Hudson, Fla. 40c; Parkwood, Ala. 25c; Lowe, W. Va. 42c; Waltham, S. C. (country) 88c; Big Springs, Tex. 30c; Easton, Md. \$1.28; Asheville, N. C. 50c; Petersburg, W. Va. \$1.91; E. Laport, N. C. 22c; Curtis Hale, Fla. \$1.00; Akron, Ohio, \$3.29; Hazelhurst, Ga. 30c; W. Frankfort, Ill. \$2.30; Warrenville, S. C. 92c; Lakeland, Fla. \$1.28; Labelle, Fla. 68c; Avon Park, Fla. 19c; Fannie Holmes, Tenn. \$1.00; Echols, Ky. 05c; Ernest Smith, Texas, \$1.00; Greenville, S. C. \$9.97; Joplin, Mo. 20c; Somerset, Pa. \$2.44; Hebron, N. Dak. 27c; A. O. Anderson, Mich. 28c; Kentwood, La. 21c; Pensacola, Fla. 70c; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \$1.10; Orlando, Fla. \$1.31; Gasparilla, Fla. 70c; Shepherd's Fold, La. 60c; Benardsville, N. C. 07c; Lubbock, Texas, 08c; Mobeeite, Texas, 55c; Tellico Plains, Tenn. 27c; Walters, Okla. 19c; A. E. Opota, N. Dak. \$3.00; Eldorado, Md. \$1.38; Brownfield, Tex. 53c; Boynton, Pa. 85c; Augusta, Ga. \$1.15; Willis Point, Tex. 34c; Wilsondale, W. Va. \$1.13; Ferndale, Fla. 76c; Carson Springs, Tenn. 71c; Weatherford, Tex. 55c; Carrier Mills, Ill. \$1.78; Ranger, Tex. \$1.04; Electra, Tex. \$1.39; Ryder, N. Dak. 14c; Manns Choice, Pa. 64c; Tampa, Fla. \$3.75; Washington, N. C. 17c; Monroe, Va. \$1.17; Shamrock, Tex. 11c; Ft. Meade, Fla. 48c; Ft. Worth, Tex. 40c; Paris, Tex. \$1.00; Big Timber, Mont. 74c; Baldwin Park, Calif. 75c; Wimauma, Fla. \$2.34; Pontiac, Mich. 37c; Joseph's Chapel, Miss. 66c; Savannah Branch, La. 61c; Largo, Fla. \$1.53; Lester, W. Va. 10c; Olney, Ill. 83c; Wahpeton, N. Dak. \$1.15; Mentone, Ala. 47c; Clayville, Pa. \$1.39; Shelburn, Ind. \$4.46; Beasley's Chapel, Tenn. 35c; Slaton, Tex. 09c; Mitchell Hill, Ky. 45c; Cantwell, Mo. \$1.17; Parkersburg, W. Va. 61c; Cantwell, Mo. \$2.70; Crisfield, Md. \$1.65; Cambridge, Md. \$2.40; Bos-

well, Pa. 20c; Ree, N. Dak. \$4.65; Jacksonville, Fla. \$3.13; Elkins, W. Va. \$1.06; Belton, S. C. \$2.64; Portland, Me. \$1.22; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 96c; E. New Market, Md. \$1.00; Draper, N. C. 50c; Clark's Chapel, Tex. 20c; Billings, Mont. 51c; Morristown, Tenn. \$2.90; Selma, Ala. 25c; Zion, Ga. 10c; Middletown, Ohio, \$9.40; Macon, Ga. 56c; Lannius, Tex. 13c; Plant City, Fla. \$1.16; Detroit, Mich. \$4.04; St. Louis, Mo. 55c; S. Lebanon, Ohio, 94c; Hartwell, Ga. 62c; S. S. Port Arthur, Tex. 32c; Pitts, Ga. \$2.12; Ft. White, Fla. \$3.00; E. Bank, W. Va. 65c; Brighton, Mo. 50c; Lakeland, Fla. \$1.82; Columbus, Ga. 61c; Zellwood, Fla. 56c; Charlotte, N. C. \$1.50; Erwin, N. C. \$1.08; Labelle, Fla. \$1.08; Cross City, Fla. 50c; Greenville, S. C. 31c; Manatee, Fla. \$13.00; Seaford, Del. 67c; Cape Girardeau, Mo. 26c; Wimauma, Fla. \$2.58; Ennis, W. Va. 38c; Lannius, Tex. 03c; Riviera, Fla. \$1.25; Petersburg, W. Va. \$1.79; Largo, Fla. \$3.46; Somerset, Pa. \$2.47; Shrewsbury, W. Va. 58c; Schoolfield, Va. 36c; Port Arthur, Tex. \$1.18; Savannah Branch, La. 44c; Philadelphia, Pa. \$1.03; Eldorado, Ill. \$3.93; Barnabas, W. Va. \$1.30; Brindley's Chapel, Tenn. 12c; Blacksburg, S. C. \$1.48; Metz, W. Va. 75c; Ferndale, Fla. \$1.81; M. L. Fricks, (Special for Dorsett) \$2.00; Thomasville, N. C. 29c; Berryton, Ga. \$1.80; Weatherford, Tex. 77c; Barrett, Minn. \$1.47; Joseph Chapel, Miss. \$1.14; Ranger, Tex. 56c; Kentwood, La. 55c; Akron, Ohio, \$3.58; Thomasville, N. C. 40c; Washington, N. C. \$1.70; Boynton, Pa. 92c; Sebewa, Mich. Md. 58c; Zion, Ga. 10c; Willis Point, Tex. 15c; Parkwood, Ala. 27c; Central, S. C. 89c; Kannapolis, N. C. \$2.00; Easton, Md. \$1.46; Waltham, S. C. (country) 52c; Coconut Grove, Fla. \$1.55; Lynchburg, Va. 63c; Hudson, Fla. 74c; Pratt City, Ala. 81c; Clyde, N. C. \$2.48; Wake Forest, N. C. 18c; Somerset, Pa. 67c; Neil Fox, Fremont, Mich. \$1.00; Lester, W. 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C. 30c; Monroe, Va. \$1.05; Big Timber, Mont. \$1.21; Louisville, Ky. \$1.00; Waltham, S. C. (town) \$2.30; Gasparilla, Fla. 73c; Carmel, Ill. 42c; R. R. Seyda, S. Dak. (Special for Dorsett) \$2.75; M. W. Walker, Ky. (Special for Dorsett) \$1.00; Minot, N. Dak. \$1.92; Ft. Meade, Fla. 32c; Pittsburg, Pa. 50c; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$7.25; E. Chattanooga, Tenn. \$10.17; Jacksonville, Fla. \$9.28; Portland, Me. \$1.23; Slaton, Tex. 04c; Rock Hill, Fla. 38c; Ree, N. Dak. 96c; Mobeeite, Tex. 42c; Mrs. Biskner, Pontiac, Mich. (Special for Dorsett) \$1.00; Gastonia, N. C. \$1.00; Emma Cox, Ft. Meade, Fla. (Special for Dorsett) \$1.00; Manns Choice, Pa. 63c; Chaucery, Ill. 50c; White Cloud, Mich. 50c; Mrs. W. G. Raygan, Ala. (Special for Dorsett) \$1.00; Alabama City, Ala. \$2.13; Ida McCoy, Ala. \$1.00; Lake Wales, Fla. \$2.40; Adam Lancaster, Tenn. (Special for Dorsett) \$1.00; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \$1.59; From a friend—Fergus Falls, Minn. \$1.50; Norristown, Pa. \$1.50; Ft. 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Life Grows Sweeter Every Day

I am glad to report victory this morning through Jesus' blood. I am praising God this morning for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My life grows sweeter every day. I praise God for the Church of God at Shelby, N. C. We have a small band here but praise God they are true blue Christians. We have preaching every Saturday night Sunday morning and Sunday night. We also have a good Sunday School. Sometimes the power falls in our Sunday School and there is shouting and praising the Lord. We have healing services and this is a wonderful time. Our pastor, Brother E. S. Davis, certainly has his heart in the work. He is very faithful. Our report for the last two months is: eight saved, three sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. Dear saints we need an interest in your prayers so please remember us when you pray. Shelby, N. C. is a place that needs this good Church of God doctrine and we are trying by the grace of God to give it to them.—Your brother under the blood, Compton J. Brewster, Supt. of S. S., Shelby, N. C.

THINK TWICE

Before you push a brother down, Think twice.
Before at other's sins you frown, Think twice.
For who are you, in judgment hall, Your brother to the bar to call?
Tomorrow you may slip and fall — Think twice.
Beware the stinging gibe and quip— Think twice.
Lest you yourself should feel the whip, Think twice.
Withhold the gossip's idle sneer, The thrust that draws the bitterest tear,
For fortune's favoring gales may veer; Think twice.
Is charity a quickened art? Think twice.
And does it thrill both hand and heart? Think twice.
The mercy you to others show That mercy you shall some day know; With others' faults be kind, be slow— Think twice.
Sent in by Mrs. Daisy Snider, Box 641, Bristol, Va.

the one before it is too late. I have an unswayed husband, two daughters and one boy. Pray for them that the Lord will bring them in before it is too late and pray for this city.—Mrs. Ida Irwin, 714 Henderson St., Flint, Mich.

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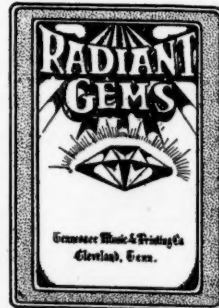
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